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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

<u>U.S. Patent No.:</u> <u>Patentee:</u> <u>Issue Date:</u>

6,390,239 McClain May 21, 2002

A copy of this reference is submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449.

The listed reference relates to tree stand theft devices. The relevance of this patent is discussed in the above-referenced patent application. The citation of this patent does not constitute an admission that this reference is relevant or material to the claims; it is cited only as constituting the closest art of which the applicant is aware.

Respectfully submitted,

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